found evading excise duty to the sum of Rs. 23 crores; and

(b) whether it has also been alleged that the Company has been found showing less price than actually charged on paper and if so, what action has been taken by Government against the Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of investigations, two show-cause notices have been issued to the company for alleged contravention of Central Excise law, including under valuation.

Disparity between Duty on Filament and Fibre

1562. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disparity between the duty on filament and fibre is creating a lot of problems to synthetic spinners, and the filament manufacturers are being priced out resulting in huge unsold stock; if so, what steps Government propose to take so as to remove this anomaly;

(b) whether it is a fact that because of the price disparity, the powerlooms in Surat and Bhiwandi are finding it very difficult to sustain themselves and hundreds of powerlooms are being closed down rendering thousands of poor weavers jobless; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the duty on nylon filament; if so, when and by how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Duties on the filament and fibre were never at par and the disparity has not resulted in building up of huge unsold stocks of filament yarn.

(b) No large scale closure of powerlooms due to price disparity has been reported.

(c) The Government is keeping a constant watch over the situation.

Foreign Tourist in Kanishka Hotel

1563. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a foreign lady tourist landed herself in an open manhole in the parking area of the Kanishka Hotel, New Delhi, on 25th December, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Hotel Management against the defaulter in this case?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) On 25-12-85, a foreign tourist lady's foot slipped in a manhole in the parking area of the Kanishka Hotel, New Delhi. The manhole was lightly loose and had tilted due to contact with the wheel of the car. She received some bruises on her leg and was attended to by one of the staff on duty. The services of the Security Guard, were dispensed with for negligence in not reporting the incident to the Management. The Management has also taken special precautionary measures and the manholes have been replaced with suitable steel covers.